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## Letter of Appeal

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### **Why 471 Form was late?**

Genesis School has an increasingly smaller (26 employed) staff due to state budget cuts. The employee responsible for filling E-Rate and tracking technology deadlines had just came back from medical leave (three months). Know other employee was cross trained on filing E-Rate 470. Behind in her work load and working part time, the 470 was filed one day late. Since the 470 was one day late, the 28 days waiting period made filing the 471 late one day.

On January 7, Genesis School attended the funeral of Gary Lewis, a student here at Genesis School. Gary Lewis touched the hearts of staff, teachers and most of all his fellow peers he left behind. It was a very sad and emotional day. January 7, 2003, Genesis would remember our falling "star" and the day slipped by.

### **Why Genesis School needs E-Rate?**

Genesis School serves more than 180 middle school students each school year providing an education that focuses on basic skills, communications, arts and service learning. Our urban middle school youth are ages 11-15 and have been unsuccessful in traditional public schools.

Our students have challenges. 95% of Genesis students live at or below the poverty line; half of our students are technically homeless – without a permanent residence because they live with extended family members, they have been adjudicated, or their families face critical on-going housing issues. At least half of our students are children of teenage

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mothers. Our average student is four grade levels below the expected level of education.  
Too many of our students cannot read.

Beyond academics, Genesis School is committed to fostering an environment that welcomes these young people, encourages their efforts, stimulates their critical thinking skills, celebrates their accomplishments and reminds them daily of their value and endless potential. Before we can teach them we must convince our students that they are capable of learning and worthy of the investment.

By Genesis School receiving E-Rate funding it will allow Genesis a chance to allocate more funds to purchase learning software, computers hardware, provide technology training to students and parents, basic learning needs, and much more. Having 95% of our students living at or below the poverty line and students with learning challenges; E-Rate funding would help Genesis School provide more learning opportunities.

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